

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-32 (cancelled),

33. (new): A device for collecting and storing a biological sample for subsequent analysis, comprising tamper-evident storage means for storing said sample, said storage means being suitable for digestion together with said biological sample.
34. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein said storage means comprises sheets of material suitable for digestion together with said biological sample, between which said biological sample is stored.
35. (new): The device of claim 34, wherein said sheets are adapted to be substantially irreversibly adhered together.
36. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein print is on the reverse of said base sheet.
37. (new): The device of claim 36, wherein the cover sheet is hingedly secured to said base sheet.
38. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein the base sheet is paper.
39. (new): The device of claim 38, wherein the cover sheet is coated with a permanent adhesive across its entire surface, and the portion of the cover sheet to which the backing sheet is not secured constitutes the hinged connection between the cover sheet and the base sheet.

40. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein the cover sheet is a clear polypropylene film.
41. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein the backing sheet is a release paper.
42. (new): The device of claim 42, wherein a bar code is printed on the reverse of said base sheet.
43. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein said storage means comprises:
a base sheet arranged so that the biological sample may be positioned thereon;
a cover sheet hingedly secured to said base sheet, said cover sheet being adapted for substantially irreversible adhesive securement to said base sheet over at least a substantial portion of their facing surfaces; and
a backing sheet releasably secured to the surface of said cover sheet facing said base sheet.
44. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein a hole punch takes a portion of said sample for analysis together with that part of the storage means in which it is encased.
45. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein said sample is digested in an alkali extraction.
46. (new): The device of claim 33, wherein said sample is subjected to amplification by PCR and then DNA sequencing.
47. (new): The device of claim 43, wherein the cover sheet is coated with a permanent adhesive across its entire surface, and the portion of the cover sheet to which the backing sheet is not secured constitutes the hinged connection between the cover sheet and the base sheet.